



St Catherine's Catholic Primary School

'Let your light shine and set the world on fire'

Upcoming dates

Sponsored Walk-19th
September 9.00am

**RWI Parents meeting –
Reception and new Key
Stage 1 parents – 18th**
September 9.00am Sports
Hall

**Reception visits for
2026-2027 – 22nd**
September 10.00am and
30th September 2.00pm

Buddy Stay and Pray –
Reception and Year 6 –
2nd October. 9.00am

School Mass – 3rd
October. School Hall. All
welcome.

**Language Link Parent
Workshop- 15th October**
9am

Harvest Festival – 23rd
October 2.30pm. Sport
Hall. All welcome



Dear Parents, Carers, and pupils,

A very warm welcome back to school! The start of a new academic year is always a special time, filled with fresh hopes and opportunities. It is wonderful to see our children's smiling faces and the school buzzing with excitement once again. Whether you are returning or joining our community for the first time, I am pleased to welcome each of you and look forward to a fantastic year ahead.

What's New This Year?

We have two new teachers joined our team Ms. Kalsi in Year 4 and Ms. Lamb in Year 2, they are all eager to get to know you. We welcome them to our St Catherine's family.

I am delighted to share we have had some well overdue refurbishments in school and new resources added to support creative and inspiring learning in EYFS.

Our curriculum continues to offer exciting experiences, including a variety of after school clubs which will be next week.

A Bright Year Ahead

Thank you for your continued support. Let's work together to make this year happy, safe, and rewarding for every child. We look forward to sharing successes and memorable moments with all of you.

Warmest wishes,

Miss Hoey

Headteacher

GET INVOLVED



Getting Involved

We value parental partnership and encourage parents and carers to participate in school life whenever possible. Opportunities include volunteering to help on trips, joining the PTA, half termly coffee mornings and attending events throughout the year.

Celebrating Our Community

We want to highlight the achievements and kindness of our pupils. Teachers will nominate children for our weekly Student Spotlight, with special mentions in future newsletters.

Reminders and Routines

Please ensure children arrive on time (8.40 am) and are in full school uniform, which includes black shoes, not trainers.

Attendance is important for a successful year; if your child will be absent, please notify the office.

All school lunches and club sign-ups can be managed via Arbor.

**Just a
reminder...**



Star Awards

We have had a fantastic start of term with lots of wonder star awards been handed out to the children for living out our SHINE values.

SHINE Star of the Week – Valentina Bonanni

Letting your Light Shine Frame – Mason Todd

Reception Simran and Jude

Year 1 – Kwesi and Yimo

Year 2 Ahana and Ryan

Year 3 Seraphina and Joao

Year 4 Inaaya and Malik

Year 5 Zimo and Valentina Dos Santos

Year 6 – Rohail and Faizan



Our learning this week

Nursery-It's been a busy two weeks in Nursery getting all the new children settled. It can be a difficult time for children as they make the adjustments to new people and new places, but we are so proud with how happy our children are and we have even had time to find out a bit about ourselves, learn about colours and plant some daffodil bulbs.

Reception- Our superb Reception children have made a fantastic start to their school journey and have settled into life beautifully here at St. Catherine's! They have quickly become familiar with their new routines, making friends and exploring their indoor and outdoor learning environments with confidence and curiosity. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for learning, whether through play, creative activities, or joining in with songs and stories. The children are already showing growing independence and are adapting well to expectations, demonstrating kindness and care towards one another. We have loved getting to know each one of them these past two weeks and are very excited for the year ahead together as a class family!

Year 1 -Year 1 have had an incredible start to the year, they have really settled into new routines and have all arrived at school happy and smiley. They have already started working super hard across all subject areas and Miss Barnes is really looking forward to the year ahead.

Year 2 - This week in Year 2 students have been working extremely hard! In English we have continued to read Little Red Riding Hood and have made some fantastic complex sentences in line with the story. We have also stepped into the Wolf and Red's shoes to act out scenes from the story using our top acting skills. In science we focused on 'What is offspring?' and pupils worked as a team to match up different offspring to their adults. While in PE we have had lots of fun with our NUFC coach learning about different skills and most importantly working as a team. Linking to teamwork, students completed a 'Celebration of the Word' revolving around friendship and what we think makes a good friend. Keep it up Year 2!

Year 3 – We have started the year wonderfully by quickly adapting to a new Key Stage, new classroom and new routines. They have thrown themselves into lessons about understanding efficient methods in Maths, writing sensational seasonal sentences in English and tackling some problem-solving challenges in PE. In Science they have revised the different food groups and then extended their learning by researching the nutritional value of different foods, and in Art we are learning about surrealist landscapes through the work of Salvador Dali and Frida Kahlo. In RE we have shared what makes our homes our special places and in Geography they are learning all about our extreme Earth through studying earthquakes, volcanoes and tsunamis. Shining brightly Year 3, keep it up!



Year 4- This week in Year 4 the children have been busy exploring lots of exciting topics across the curriculum. In DT they sampled a variety of soups and shared their opinions on the different flavours, while in History they travelled back in time to learn about early Rome. In Maths they have been working hard on column addition and subtraction, really challenging themselves with tricky problems. In Science they have been discovering how the digestive system works and learning to name its different parts. Finally, in English they took inspiration from Disney's short film Feast to write their own descriptive narrative.

Year 5 -This week in Year 5 there has been a vibrant mix of creativity, curiosity, and self-discovery. We've launched into our Beowulf urban legend writing project, where pupils are recreating the epic tale in modern-day settings—bringing heroic battles and mythical creatures to life with their own dramatic twists and storytelling flair! In Maths, we've been exploring place value, building a deeper understanding of how numbers work and why they matter. Our history lessons have taken us back to the Anglo-Saxon era, where we've investigated their world through stories, artifacts, and historical inquiry. In RE, we've reflected on our qualities and talents, celebrating what makes each of us unique and how we can use our strengths to support others.

Year 6- It's been a jam-packed week of learning for Year 6! The classroom was transformed into a 1900s bus as pupils stepped into Rosa Parks' shoes, sparking powerful discussions about equality and courage. In Maths, they've been cracking the code of big numbers—composing 10,000, 100,000 and even 1 million like pros. Science took them on a journey through the circulatory system, while history introduced them to the wild world of crime and punishment across the ages. And in DT, taste buds were put to the test as they explored flavour pairings to inspire their very own Come Dine With Me creations. Bon appétit, Year 6!

House Captains and Vice Captains 25-26

Year 6 have been absolute legends this week, putting in loads of effort to perfect their House Captain speeches! From clever slogans to heartfelt promises, they've really brought their A-game. Now it's over to the rest of the school—voting kicks off soon to decide who'll be crowned House and Vice-Captain. It's all to play for, and we can't wait to see who wins the top spots. Good luck, speech superstars!

St Aidan – Bella and Olivia

St Bede – Mansukh and Dorell

St Cuthbert – Dimitra and Rohail

St Hild – Kirsty and Emma



Attendance

Nursery- 88.6%

Reception- 98.3%

Year 1 - 98.4%

Year 2 - 100%

Year 3 – 99.5%

Year 4 – 99.5%

Year 5 – 99.2%

Year 6 – 97%

**ATTENDANCE
MATTERS**



Exciting Completed Summer Projects

New toilets

We are excited to share that three of our school toilets have been refurbished over the holidays. The new facilities are fresh, clean, and bright, making a wonderful difference for our pupils. The children are absolutely delighted with the transformation, and we're proud to offer them an improved, welcoming space for the new term. A big thank you to the Bishop Bewick Trust for supporting us to help complete a well needed refurbishment.



New outdoor area for Early Years

We are over the moon with the development of our new Early Years outdoor provision.

Our outdoor environments will enable the development of skills, knowledge, and learning behaviours that are often less accessible indoors, including gross and fine motor skills.

Nursery and Reception have had a wonderful time playing with our new outdoor equipment. A big focus for us this year is developing our physical skills and you can see already how much the children are enjoying, climbing jumping, pedalling and digging.



Our parish churches

St Dominic's Catholic Church, New Bridge Street, Newcastle Upon Tyne, NE1 2TE

Mass times: Saturday 5.30pm Sunday 10.00am

Holy Name Jesmond, 7 North Jesmond Avenue Jesmond Newcastle upon Tyne NE2 3JX

Mass Times: Saturday 4.00pm Sunday 10.00am



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